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Wenatchee physical therapy assistant suspended for assaulting infant

OLYMPIA — The license suspension of physical therapy assistant Andrew Paco Lopez (PTA60045837) of Wenatchee is set at five years after he was convicted of child assault.

The Board of Physical Therapy and the state Department of Health issued an immediate suspension of Lopez's license in November 2011 when he was charged in criminal court. Lopez didn't respond to board's charges against his license; this suspension concludes that legal proceeding.

In April Lopez was convicted of third-degree child assault in Douglas County Superior Court. The victim was Lopez's infant son who was about nine weeks old. The child suffered multiple fractured ribs and brain trauma, resulting in bleeding on the brain.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Board of Physical Therapy uses standards of practice to license and discipline physical therapists and physical therapy assistants.

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